



Yuma County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting August 9, 2012

PRESENT:

John Andoh, YCIPTA, Group 2
Chief Gary August, Rural Metro, Group 2
Mario Avalos, Helena Chemical Corporation, Group 5
Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5
Jeff Denman, citizen at large, Group 4
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Group 1
Mark Hutsell, Vice Chair, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Group 2
Chief Jack McArthur, representing Mayor Al Krieger, Alternate Group 1
Maria (Patti) Michael, Winfield Solutions, Group 5
Lester Pate, Arizona Public Service, Group 5
Warren Quirk, Excel Group / WORC Center, Group 5
Noel Robles, Shaw Inc., Group 2
Gretchen Robinson, Emergency Management Director, Group 2
Ema Lea Shoop, citizen at large, Group 4
David Slade, Yuma Cogeneration Associates, Group 5
Denise Whisman, Ferrell Gas, Group 5
Rosario Zavala, Quechan Police Department, Group 2

ABSENT:

Robert Barocio, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 2
Tim Beeler, MCAS Yuma, Group 2
Chief Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department, Group 2
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Disaster Preparedness, Group 2
Marc Holyfield, Arizona Western College, Group 2
Manuel Hernandez, City of Yuma Utilities Department, Group 2
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Group 5
Chris Nossaman, Sun Country Restoration, Group 5
Rick Reyes, Sellers Petroleum, Group 5
Major Joseph Roerink, AZ Department of Corrections, Group 2

Sheriff Ralph Ogden, Group 1
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Health, Group 2
Phil Smithers, Arizona Public Service, Group 5

A quorum of 17 persons was present with a minimum of 3 groups represented, Group 1, Group 2, Group 4 and Group 5.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of Chairman Marc Holyfield, Mark Hutsell from Yuma Regional Medical Center called the meeting to order at 0904 hours in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium at 198 So. Main Street, Yuma AZ on 9 August 2012.

2. INTRODUCTION:

Members and guests present introduced themselves. Guests present included

Captain Eben Bratcher for Sheriff Ogden
Rachel Harris, First Transit
Phil Hillesheim, Bureau of Reclamation
Michael Kemp, Driscoll's
Bryan Longoria, Yuma County
Andretta Schellinger, Red Cross
Mark Howard, Executive Director of the Arizona Emergency Response Commission

3. MINUTES:

Upon motion of Ema Lea Shoop with second by Greg Ferguson, the minutes of the meeting held 14 June 2012 were approved as distributed. Motion carried.

4. TEN MINUTE TRAINING:

In light of the APEX training to be presented following the regular meeting, the ten minute training was postponed.

5. GRANT STATUS:

Gretchen announced that the HMEP 2012-2013 grant was now open. Previous discussion at prior LEPC meetings was that she would submit an application for the competitive portion of the HMEP grant to support the annual Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days training held in February each year and also submit an application for the regularly allocated amount for each LEPC in the amount of \$1,500.

Mark Hutsell made a motion that Gretchen should apply for the competitive portion of the HMEP grant to support the Ammonia Days but in the event the grant request was not

successful, she would designate \$1,000 of the \$1,500 annual allocation to the Ammonia Days project. This motion was seconded by Jeff Denman and carried.

6. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

6a: Approval of Renewals

No renewals were due during this meeting.

6b: Approval of Designated Alternate

John Andoh had requested that Rachel Harris of First Transit be his designated alternate. Upon motion of Greg Ferguson with second by Warren Quirk, the motion carried.

6c: Introduction of potential members

Several of the pending potential members were present to meet the LEPC. Andretta Schellinger of American Red Cross and Mike Kemp of Driscoll's introduced themselves to the group. Upon motion by Greg Ferguson with second by Chief McArthur, all potential memberships that were pending were approved to include:

Michael Kemp, Driscoll's, Group 5
Chief Jeff Philpot, Town of Wellton, Group 2
Charles Ruerup, DPW at Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 5
Andretta Schellinger, American Red Cross, Group 2
Neil Sparks, RSC Rental, Group 5

6d: Approval of Resignation

Upon motion of Ema Lea Shoop, with second by Greg Ferguson, the resignation of Ms. Shelly Kreger was approved. Gretchen was asked to invite Ms. Kreger to apply as a citizen at large.

Gretchen stated she would complete all Notices of LEPC Appointment or Resignation and provide to AZSERC for formal adoption.

7. New Business

7a: Discussion and possible action regarding local incidents.

Gretchen reported she had not received any notifications from NRC for incidents in Yuma County. Jeff Denman asked if there had been any further information about the harrier that went down in Imperial County but no one had further information.

8. Old Business

8a: Lower Colorado River Plan

Gretchen Robinson indicated that a meeting was to be held in Yuma within the next few weeks to discuss the draft of the Lower Colorado River Plan.

8b: Type III Incident Management Team

Chief McArthur reported that the City of Yuma has now scheduled training classes for individuals that want to participate on the proposed Type III Incident Management team. Gretchen reported that all classes were now available on www.erma.az.gov and that signups were encouraged for classes as Incident Commander, Planning Section Chief, Safety Officer, Operations Section Chief.

8c: Update on the New World data project

Chief McArthur reported on the continued progress being made by Yuma Fire Department locating Tier II information on maps available to first responders. This information will then be loaded into the New World system as it comes on line in January 2013. If you have information you would like to be made available to first responders, please advise Chief McArthur via e-mail at jack.mcarthur@yumaaz.gov

8d: Household Hazardous Waste collection

Manny was not available to report on the household hazardous waste collection. However, Jeff Denman stated he had signed in as an LEPC member when he worked the Hazardous Materials event in July. Good attendance, good collection.

9. Chair Status Report

Due to the absence of Chairman Mark Holyfield, there was no report from the chairman.

10. Public Comment on the LEPC Emergency Response Plan

Gretchen reported she had received no comments from the public regarding the LEPC Emergency Response Plan and no comments were received at the meeting.

At this time Jeff Denman inquired if other LEPC members had read the letter to the editor in the Yuma Sun concerning the traffic accident on the east bound lane of Telegraph Pass. Due to the nature of the accident, traffic was re-routed through Dome Valley and the Foothills and many individuals were not happy, including the person that wrote the letter. This provoked some discussion regarding the potentiality of a haz mat accident on Telegraph Pass and what actions could we expect to happen. Captain Bratcher indicated that traffic was diverted in the most expeditious manner as possible, but there are limited ways on and off the mountain. Members present discussed designating alternative routes in the Emergency Response Plan.

11. Good of the Order/Announcements

New LEPC member Andretta Schellinger of the Red Cross announced she would be hiring two employees for the Yuma-La Paz area. She would also be providing a list of potential Red Cross-approved shelters to Chief McArthur.

Greg Ferguson stated that Michele Dominguez of the Office of Emergency Management and Shelly Kreger of YMPO had both taken jobs at YCIPTA, the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority. Both were publicly thanked for their service.

Mark Hutsell of YRMC invited LEPC members to become active in the newly formed Health Preparedness Coalition. This coalition is working closely with the County Health Department and Emergency Management to provide preparedness information to the public and provide a common operating picture to the community.

12. Call to the Public

No one from the public was available to answer the call.

12. Adjourn

Upon motion by Jeff Denman with second by Greg Ferguson, and with no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 0933 hours.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2012.

Gretchen reminded those present that the Annual Peer Exchange LEPC training would be conducted by Mark Howard, the Executive Director of AZSERC, following a brief break.

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